

Oklahoma and parts of Texas were devastated last night by a series of tornadoes. We lost eight people in the little, tiny town of Lone Grove in the southern end of the district, at least eight. Rescue workers are still going through and trying to see if there are any additional losses, about 43 injured, 17 severely. So pretty devastating for a small town.

So I would ask, Mr. Speaker, for the House to observe a moment of silence for those who lost their families and those who are working to rescue and comfort the bereaved.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members will rise and observe a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will resume. There was no objection.

ELDER ABUSE VICTIMS ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 448, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. JOHNSON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 448, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 25, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 62]

YEAS—397

Abercrombie	Boyd	Cooper
Ackerman	Brady (PA)	Costa
Aderholt	Braley (IA)	Costello
Adler (NJ)	Bright	Courtney
Altmire	Brown (SC)	Crenshaw
Andrews	Brown, Corrine	Crowley
Arcuri	Brown-Waite,	Cuellar
Austria	Ginny	Culberson
Baca	Buchanan	Cummings
Bachmann	Burgess	Dahlkemper
Bachus	Burton (IN)	Davis (AL)
Baird	Butterfield	Davis (CA)
Baldwin	Buyer	Davis (IL)
Barrow	Calvert	Davis (KY)
Bartlett	Camp	Davis (TN)
Barton (TX)	Cantor	DeFazio
Bean	Cao	DeGette
Becerra	Capito	Delahunt
Berkley	Capps	DeLauro
Berman	Capuano	Dent
Berry	Cardoza	Diaz-Balart, L.
Biggert	Carnahan	Diaz-Balart, M.
Bilbray	Carney	Dicks
Bilirakis	Carson (IN)	Dingell
Bishop (GA)	Cassidy	Doggett
Bishop (NY)	Castle	Donnelly (IN)
Bishop (UT)	Castor (FL)	Doyle
Blackburn	Chaffetz	Dreier
Blumenauer	Chandler	Driehaus
Blunt	Childers	Duncan
Bocieri	Clay	Edwards (MD)
Boehner	Cleaver	Edwards (TX)
Bonner	Clyburn	Ehlers
Bono Mack	Coble	Ellison
Boozman	Coffman (CO)	Ellsworth
Boren	Cohen	Emerson
Boswell	Cole	Engel
Boucher	Connolly (VA)	Eshoo
Boustany	Conyers	Etheridge

Fallin	Lofgren, Zoe	Rogers (AL)
Farr	Lowey	Rogers (KY)
Fattah	Lucas	Rogers (MI)
Filner	Luetkemeyer	Rooney
Fleming	Luján	Ros-Lehtinen
Forbes	Lungren, Daniel	Roskam
Fortenberry	E.	Ross
Foster	Lynch	Rothman (NJ)
Frank (MA)	Mack	Roybal-Allard
Frelinghuysen	Maffei	Royce
Fudge	Maloney	Ruppersberger
Gallegly	Manzullo	Rush
Gerlach	Marchant	Ryan (OH)
Giffords	Markey (CO)	Ryan (WI)
Gingrey (GA)	Markey (MA)	Salazar
Gohmert	Marshall	Sánchez, Linda
Gonzalez	Massa	T.
Goodlatte	Matheson	Sanchez, Loretta
Gordon (TN)	Matsui	Sarbanes
Granger	McCarthy (CA)	Scalise
Graves	McCarthy (NY)	Schakowsky
Grayson	McCaul	Schauer
Green, Al	McCollum	Schiff
Green, Gene	McCotter	Schmidt
Griffith	McDermott	Schock
Grijalva	McGovern	Schrader
Guthrie	McHenry	Schwartz
Gutierrez	McHugh	Scott (GA)
Hall (NY)	McIntyre	Scott (VA)
Hall (TX)	McKeon	Serrano
Halvorson	McMahon	Sessions
Hare	McMorris	Sestak
Harper	Rodgers	Shea-Porter
Hastings (FL)	McNerney	Sherman
Hastings (WA)	Meek (FL)	Shimkus
Heinrich	Meeks (NY)	Shuler
Heller	Melancon	Shuster
Hерger	Mica	Simpson
Herseht Sandlin	Michaud	Sires
Higgins	Miller (FL)	Skelton
Hill	Miller (MI)	Slaughter
Himes	Miller (NC)	Smith (NE)
Hinchev	Miller, Gary	Smith (NJ)
Hinojosa	Miller, George	Smith (TX)
Hirono	Minnick	Smith (WA)
Hodes	Mitchell	Snyder
Hoekstra	Mollohan	Souder
Holt	Moore (KS)	Space
Honda	Moore (WI)	Speier
Hoyer	Moran (KS)	Spratt
Hunter	Moran (VA)	Stearns
Inslee	Murphy (CT)	Stupak
Israel	Murphy, Patrick	Sullivan
Issa	Murphy, Tim	Sutton
Jackson (IL)	Murtha	Tanner
Jackson-Lee	Myrick	Tauscher
(TX)	Nadler (NY)	Taylor
Jenkins	Napolitano	Teague
Johnson (GA)	Neal (MA)	Terry
Johnson, E. B.	Nunes	Thompson (CA)
Johnson, Sam	Nye	Thompson (MS)
Jones	Oberstar	Thompson (PA)
Jordan (OH)	Obey	Tiahrt
Kagen	Olson	Tierney
Kanjorski	Olver	Titus
Kaptur	Ortiz	Tonko
Kennedy	Pallone	Towns
Kildee	Pascarell	Tsongas
Kipatrick (MI)	Pastor (AZ)	Turner
Kilroy	Paulsen	Upton
Kind	Payne	Van Hollen
King (NY)	Pence	Velázquez
Kirk	Perlmutter	Visclosky
Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Perriello	Walden
Kissell	Peters	Walz
Klein (FL)	Peterson	Wamp
Kline (MN)	Petri	Wasserman
Kosmas	Pingree (ME)	Schultz
Kratovil	Pitts	Waters
Kucinich	Platts	Watson
Lamborn	Poe (TX)	Watt
Lance	Polis (CO)	Waxman
Langevin	Pomeroy	Weiner
Larsen (WA)	Posey	Welch
Larson (CT)	Price (GA)	Whitfield
Latham	Price (NC)	Wilson (OH)
LaTourette	Putnam	Wilson (SC)
Latta	Radanovich	Wittman
Lee (CA)	Rahall	Wolf
Lee (NY)	Rangel	Woolsey
Levin	Rehberg	Wu
Lewis (CA)	Reichert	Yarmuth
Lewis (GA)	Reyes	Young (AK)
Lipinski	Richardson	Young (FL)
LoBiondo	Rodriguez	
Loebsock	Roe (TN)	

NAYS—25

Akin	Franks (AZ)	Neugebauer
Barrett (SC)	Garrett (NJ)	Paul
Brady (TX)	Hensarling	Rohrabacher
Brown (GA)	Inglis	Sensenbrenner
Carter	King (IA)	Shadegg
Conaway	Kingston	Thornberry
Deal (GA)	Linder	Westmoreland
Flake	Lummis	
Fox	McClintock	

NOT VOTING—10

Alexander	Holden	Tiberi
Campbell	Johnson (IL)	Wexler
Clarke	Solis (CA)	
Harman	Stark	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1457

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING RETIRED LIEUTENANT COLONEL LEO GRAY

(Mr. KLEIN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Retired Lieutenant Colonel Leo Gray, a resident of Dania Beach and one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, the legendary African American fighter pilots of World War II.

As you know, February is Black History Month, and it is up to all of us to recognize and celebrate achievements in black history.

Lieutenant Colonel Gray and his colleagues are heroes not only of African American history but of American history. Their brave and daring missions over enemy territory contributed to our victory in World War II and helped convince President Truman to desegregate our military.

The Tuskegee Airmen received the Congressional Gold Medal, the Nation's highest civilian honor, in 2007 and were invited to witness President Obama's historic inauguration this January.

Yet despite this recognition, Lieutenant Colonel Gray remains rooted in our south Florida community, attending public events to inspire the next generation of African American, and simply American, heroes.

□ 1500

TWICE THE JOBS, HALF THE COST

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, several weeks ago, when the Democrats shut the Republican Party out of negotiations and from having any input on this alleged stimulus package, the big

spending package, \$836 billion, the Republicans had their own set of hearings. They were open to the public and open to Democrats.

The result of the Republican Working Committee, according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, was a plan, an alternative, that created twice the jobs at half the cost. Now, just roughly, the Democrat proposal creates 3.7 million jobs at a cost of \$830 billion. The Republican plan creates 6 million jobs—over 6 million, in fact—at a cost of just less than \$400 billion.

Tax breaks that are targeted at job creation, tax breaks that are targeted for small businesses, tax breaks for people who are unemployed so they would not have to pay taxes on their unemployment insurance, these are things that we need. Twice the jobs, half the cost.

MORTGAGING FUTURE GENERATIONS

(Mr. CULBERSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, never I think in history has so much money been spent by so few people in such a short period of time, mortgaging future generations to an extent we have never seen in American history.

It's important that the American public pay attention to this spendulous bill and look carefully at what's in it. Go to the Internet, make sure you read it and see it and, remember, the fiscal conservatives in the House have laid out a thoughtful alternative based on tax cuts where you keep your money immediately to invest, spend, save as you wish.

That is the best way to stimulate this economy quickly and in a way that will preserve the core principles of this Nation, which are based on freedom, individual liberty, and the government getting out of the way and letting free people make their own decisions about their own money. That is the best way to stimulate this economy.

It's, I think, vitally important, Mr. Speaker, and I am grateful we have a rule now where people can see this bill on the Internet for up to 48 hours. Take the time, folks, to review it and look at it, because we have certainly not had enough public hearings to do so.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DRIEHAUS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

PUBLICATION OF THE RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, 111TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, pursuant to clause 2(a) of Rule XI, of the Rules of the House, a copy of the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources, which were adopted at the organizational meeting of the committee on February 4, 2009.

RULES FOR THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 111TH CONGRESS, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 4, 2009

RULE 1. RULES OF THE HOUSE; VICE CHAIRMEN

(a) Applicability of House Rules.

(1) The Rules of the House of Representatives, so far as they are applicable, are the rules of the Committee on Natural Resources (hereinafter in these rules referred to as the "Committee") and its Subcommittees.

(2) Each Subcommittee is part of the Committee and is subject to the authority, direction and rules of the Committee. References in these rules to "Committee" and "Chairman" shall apply to each Subcommittee and its Chairman wherever applicable.

(3) House Rule XI is incorporated and made a part of the rules of the Committee to the extent applicable.

(b) Vice Chairmen.—Unless inconsistent with other rules, the Chairman shall appoint a Vice Chairman of the Committee and the Subcommittee Chairmen will appoint Vice Chairmen of each of the Subcommittees. If the Chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee is not present at any meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee, as the case may be, the Vice Chairman shall preside. If the Vice Chairman is not present, the ranking Member of the Majority party on the Committee or Subcommittee who is present shall preside at that meeting.

RULE 2. MEETINGS IN GENERAL

(a) Scheduled Meetings.—The Committee shall meet at 10 a.m. every Wednesday when the House is in session, unless canceled by the Chairman. The Committee shall also meet at the call of the Chairman subject to advance notice to all Members of the Committee. Special meetings shall be called and convened by the Chairman as provided in clause 2(c)(1) of House Rule XI. Any Committee meeting or hearing that conflicts with a party caucus, conference, or similar party meeting shall be rescheduled at the discretion of the Chairman, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member. The Committee may not sit during a joint session of the House and Senate or during a recess when a joint meeting of the House and Senate is in progress.

(b) Open Meetings.—Each meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, and each hearing of the Committee or a Subcommittee shall be open to the public, except as provided by clause 2(g) and clause 2(k) of House Rule XI.

(c) Broadcasting.—Whenever a meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, or a hearing is open to the public, that meeting or hearing shall be open to coverage by television, radio, and still photography in accordance with clause 4 of House Rule XI. The provisions of clause 4(f) of House Rule XI are specifically made part of these rules by reference. Operation and use of any Committee Internet broadcast system shall be fair and nonpartisan and in accordance with clause 4(b) of House Rule XI and all other applicable rules of the Committee and the House.

(d) Oversight Plan.—No later than February 15 of the first session of each Congress, the Committee shall adopt its oversight plans for that Congress in accordance with clause 2(d)(1) of House Rule X.

RULE 3. PROCEDURES IN GENERAL

(a) Agenda of Meetings; Information for Members.—An agenda of the business to be considered at meetings shall be delivered to the office of each Member of the Committee no later than 48 hours before the meeting. This requirement may be waived by a majority vote of the Committee at the time of the consideration of the measure or matter. To the extent practicable, a summary of the major provisions of any bill being considered by the Committee, including the need for the bill and its effect on current law, will be available for the Members of the Committee no later than 48 hours before the meeting.

(b) Meetings and Hearings to Begin Promptly.—Each meeting or hearing of the Committee shall begin promptly at the time stipulated in the public announcement of the meeting or hearing.

(c) Addressing the Committee.—A Committee Member may address the Committee or a Subcommittee on any bill, motion, or other matter under consideration or may question a witness at a hearing only when recognized by the Chairman for that purpose. The time a Member may address the Committee or Subcommittee for any purpose or to question a witness shall be limited to five minutes, except as provided in Committee Rule 4(g). A Member shall limit his remarks to the subject matter under consideration. The Chairman shall enforce the preceding provision.

(d) Quorums.

(1) A majority of the Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the reporting of any measure or recommendation, the authorizing of a subpoena, the closing of any meeting or hearing to the public under clause 2(g)(1), clause 2(g)(2)(A) and clause 2(k)(5)(B) of House Rule XI, and the releasing of executive session materials under clause 2(k)(7) of House Rule X. Testimony and evidence may be received at any hearing at which there are at least two Members of the Committee present. For the purpose of transacting all other business of the Committee, one third of the Members shall constitute a quorum.

(2) When a call of the roll is required to ascertain the presence of a quorum, the offices of all Members shall be notified and the Members shall have not less than 15 minutes to prove their attendance. The Chairman shall have the discretion to waive this requirement when a quorum is actually present or whenever a quorum is secured and may direct the Chief Clerk to note the names of all Members present within the 15-minute period.

(e) Participation of Members in Committee and Subcommittees.—Any Member of the Committee may sit with any Subcommittee during any meeting or hearing, and by unanimous consent of the Members of the Subcommittee may participate in such meeting or hearing. However, a Member who is not a Member of the Subcommittee may not vote on any matter before the Subcommittee, be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum or raise points of order.

(f) Proxies.—No vote in the Committee or its Subcommittees may be cast by proxy.

(g) Record Votes.—Record votes shall be ordered on the demand of one-fifth of the Members present, or by any Member in the apparent absence of a quorum.

(h) Postponed Record Votes.

(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Chairman may, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, postpone further proceedings when a record vote is ordered on the question of approving any measure or matter or adopting an amendment. The Chairman shall resume proceedings on a postponed request at any time after reasonable notice, but no later than the next meeting day.